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Disorders Continue Post-election armed uprisings and violence throughout the Philippines are continuing to tax the Government's law enforcement machinery and will increase general tensions during the forthcoming session of Congress. The insurrection in Batangas Province continues despite a Government offensive and offers of amnesty by the provincial governor. Meanwhile, Huk activity, which declined during the election period, is increasing, particularly in central Luzon where constabulary forces have already repulsed two foraging parties. The seriousness of current lawlessness throughout the Philippines is aggravated by the large number of firearms in the hands of civilians. With armed dissidents present even in Manila and constabulary forces fully committed throughout the archipelago, the Government may have considerable difficulty preventing the disorders from getting out of hand.

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